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Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 12:37 PM
To: Hesch, Patricia -FS
Cc: Closson, Dee A -FS
Subject: RE: FS Sunshine Campground Partial WDL Revocation CX == for your review

I'm working on that, but I don't want to give out a list before I know it's correct. The biggest challenge is figuring out what is standard for all withdrawals, what varies based on the stage that the proposal is in (notice vs. plo), what changes based on the type of application (revocations vs. extensions vs. new vs. modification), and what changes are based on the particulars involved in a specific withdrawal (e.g., withdrawal made under general laws vs. special legislation, Secretarial vs. Presidential vs. Congressional, etc.). Combine that with the fact that our policy is to, whenever possible, bring pre-FLPMA withdrawals into the modern era by modifying old language to eliminate inclusion of the general land laws and mineral leasing laws so that the only remaining withdrawal pertains solely to the non-discretionary mining laws, and you have the perfect storm.

None of the existing checklists and forms make the above distinctions clear - they leave it up to the people involved to figure out what applies to a particular application -- so the lists can be not only confusing, but misleading. As a result, I have gone down a few rabbit trails by mistake, even after consulting with our National Coordinator. I appreciate the patience you and others have provided, and I understand how at this point your patience is wearing thin.

I will continue to do my best under the circumstances I am dealing with. I recognize that 'my best' has resulted in frustration for both you and me during my first foray into processing a withdrawal application, and I sincerely apologize for that. I assure you that I have done everything I can to absorb the lessons learned so future processes go as smoothly as possible.

Respectfully,

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Thank you Steve. Yes, this up and down, go-no-go, "here's a bit more that the BLM needs" way of doing business on the withdrawal revocation process is very difficult for our staff. It would great if we were given all the options, requirements and needs upfront, pre-sorted on the BLM end, before we engaged. It's been very frustrating on our end go have things change or added on to. I too am learning my job as I go, and I find it best to consult with one of my peers to be sure I understand processes, before I ask people on the ground to do things. It saves a lot of backing up and turning around. Thanks
ph

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Cc: Closson, Dee A -FS
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Welcome back Patricia. You are correct. I wasn't aware that FS didn't have a CE/CX when I sent that first request. Withdrawals was the one area that I have had no previous experience in prior to coming to the Colorado State Office, so I'm learning the ins and outs of withdrawals the

hard way. I recognize that sometimes makes it difficult on others involved, and I do apologize for that.

Respectfully,

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To: Steven Craddock; Closson, Dee A -FS
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Hi Steve, I am just catching up on e-mails after being gone for a few days. What I gather, is that after asking the Forest Service to do the Categorical Exclusion for the campground withdrawal revocation, which is a BLM process, the BLM has managed to do it themselves after all? Please confirm.

Patricia

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Dee and Patricia,

The CX is underway and we should have it next week, assuming all goes as planned.

I hope you both have a great weekend!

Respectfully,

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To: Steven Craddock
Subject: Re: FS Sunshine Campground Partial WDL Revocation CX == for your review

Hi Steve,
I reviewed it and looks ok to me - only made a few minor changes. I will present it at our management team meeting next Monday morning where we discuss proposals and will get back with you after then. Seems pretty straight forward, so hopefully will go smoothly and quickly.
Thanks.

On Fri, Apr 10, 2015 at 1:03 PM, Steven Craddock <scraddock@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Teresa,

This is what I've put together. Let me know if you see anything that is missing or unclear, and please change it as you see fit. At this point I don't think there is a need to send it to the FS - everything is based on their application and other materials the FS has submitted.

I've attached the application, LLD, and maps. I can send you a copy of the final EA if you A) don't have it and B) decide you need it.

Finally, all we really need is the signed CX form. I went ahead and filled out the Decision Record portion of the CX, but that document doesn't have to be signed by Barb if she doesn't want to. Since the Decision rests with the Secretary's Office, the Decision Record that we sign would be limited to a Recommendation to the Secretary. Therefore, it is not an appealable Decision, per se. It gets a little confusing when a DR is signed by BLM, but some offices prefer

to do so (John Beck used to require it, but he has softened his stance over the past year). So, if Barb wants to sign the Recommendation/DR, she can. But if she prefers not to, that's fine as well. Call me if you have any questions or if I've made this clear as mud.

Again, THANK YOU for your support!

Respectfully,

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